

Dear VHEMT Volunteers and Potential Volunteers,

We're living in exciting times. The world is finally acknowledging that the human population growth factor is being ignored in policy decisions.

Pronatalist policies are starting to be questioned as people realize that each new human we create increases the burden on fragile ecosystems and further strains society's inadequate social systems.

Already, thousands of Volunteers are helping others to gain the perspective they need for making the moral choice to live long and die out.

If you are not already part of the **Voluntary Human Extinction Movement**, I welcome you to consider joining us in making a real difference in preserving life on Earth.

This is the last issue to be mailed to the entire mailing list. Rather than trying to reach potential Volunteers with *These EXIT Times*, I plan to use our newsletter for providing information and networking services for VHEMT Volunteers. I think it's more efficient to utilize other media for sharing the VHEMT perspective. If you wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please see below.

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 - ☐ Distributing T.E.T.
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These EXIT *Times*

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Hello Dan,

Nineth of November 1992

Thanks for the new Fathoms Below. I've been intending to write back since you sent #4 last March.

It might not seem like this country is over-populated, but we could be the most over-populated country in the world, since one of us is equal to about 100 starving peasants when you measure environmental impact. In terms of human suffering, you're right, over-population in India, Africa, and China is worse. We wouldn't have to further encroach on wilder areas if there were fewer of us each year instead of more.

Something like AIDS could eventually make a dent in human population numbers, but that's what we should try to avoid. For any disease to keep us even, about two million of us would have to die per week. Double that to begin reducing the numbers, and you've got a serious public health problem with all those rotting bodies. A neater way would be if people just stopped repeating themselves.

So, last issue, huh? Well, that may be a relief in a lot of ways. I'd bet you'll publish again if no one stops you. I hope you print a collection someday that's all by you and none about you. Then we would have to figure you out through your art without an annotated teachers' edition. The mystery is half the fun.

If you would like to receive T.E.T. number three in 1993, just let me know or send something else in the next six months.

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POPULATION CRUSADER Les U. Knight may have a harder time attracting adherents to his cause than would the average environmental activist. The 44-year-old substitute high-school teacher from Portland, Ore., says that total human extinction is the only long-term answer to the planet's mounting environmental woes. That's why he has founded the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement (VHEMT—pronounced “vehement”) to help get things rolling.

“The hopeful alternative to the extinction of millions of species of plants and animals is the voluntary extinction of one species: *Homo sapiens*—us,” Knight declares in

his VHEMT newsletter, *These Exit Times*. “When every human makes the moral choice to live long and die out, Earth will be allowed to return to its former glory. Each time one of us decides not to add another of us to the burgeoning billions already squatting on this ravaged planet, another ray of hope shines through the gloom.”

Knight anted up his own personal ray 18 years ago—he had a vasectomy—and says he'd like others to consider the procreation-free lifestyle. “A baby condor may not be as cute as a baby human,” he concedes, “but we must choose to forgo one if the others are to survive.”

—Dave Ruben in *New Age Journal*